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Letter to Families of Revolutionary Martyrs and Families of Revolutionaries in South Korea

National Meeting of Families of Revolutionary Martyrs and Families of Honoured Disabled Soldiers Held in Presence of Respected and Beloved Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

Pyongyang, Korea

Message to Marshal KIM IL SUNG, Respected and Beloved Leader of 40 Million Korean People

Marshal Kim Il Sung, the peerless patriot, national hero and great Leader of the 40 million Korean people,

We attendants of the National Meeting of Families of Revolutionary Martyrs and Families of Honoured Disabled Soldiers convened at a time when the whole country is spurring on the grandiose Chollima march, upholding the decisions of the Conference of the Workers' Party of Korea and the great Ten-point Political Programme announced by the Marshal and is making full combat readiness in face of the intensifying manoeuvres of the U.S. imperialists to start a new war, send reverentially this message imbued with burning loyalty to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the fatherly Leader, who always leads our people to victory and glory and shows profound love and paternal care for us families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers.

Our hearts are now beating high with the emotion and pride of having been honoured by the presence at our meeting of the fatherly Marshal whom we had thought of even in our dreams and revered.

Under the wise and outstanding leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, our people are today bringing a happy life into bloom under the socialist system free from exploitation and oppression which they had aspired to for a long period and which the Marshal conceived in the thick forests of Mt. Baekdu and on the road of the arduous march, beating Japanese imperialism.

With the embodiment of the great idea of *Juche* of the Marshal, our country, once backward and poor, has turned today into a strong socialist power possessing a firmly consolidated foundation of an independent national economy capable of successfully building up the economic life of the country with our strength, our wisdom and our assets and having powerful defence potential for self-defence.

Our industry that has sprung up on debris under the uplifted banner of self-reliance has grown powerful enough to manufacture anything, once we make up our minds, including large-size machines and precision machines of all kinds, and our countryside, through the acceleration of the ideological, technical and cultural revolutions, has become a socialist countryside which reaps bumper crops every year by mechanised and chemicalised farming and knows no tax for the first time in history.

Today we are studying to our hearts' content and working joyously under the socialist system where everyone works, studies and receives free medical treatment.

Along with this, national culture has come into full blossom and a broad avenue of learning is wide open so that our sons and daughters can study free of charge till they reach the working age.

Our country is firmly defending the foremost front of the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle, standing with all firmness in the East with impregnable defences, and the international prestige of the Republic is rising with each passing day.

Today our entire people are rallied as unbreakable militant ranks united closely around the Marshal with one ideology and one will and the whole country is overflowing with animated revolutionary spirits.

Our country which lost its lustre on the world map in the past, has earned world-wide fame as the "country of Chollima" and the "country of *Juche*."

We regard it as the highest honour and greatest pride of the nation to be guided by the great Leader whom the revolutionary people throughout the world look up to for his outstanding contributions to the international communist movement and the development of the world revolution.

The credit for the great changes in our country today, which will shine long down through generations, goes entirely to Marshal

Kim Il Sung who has victoriously hewed the path of the Korean revolution for upwards of 40 years, taking upon himself the destiny of the fatherland and the nation.

Born into the revolutionary family of Mr. Kim Hyong Jik, an unbending anti-Japanese revolutionary fighter and ardent patriot, and Mrs. Kang Ban Sok, wife of the revolutionary and mother of the revolutionary, the Marshal went along the road of grim revolution already from his boyhood and his youth and cut in person the path of so arduous and complicated revolution for 15 years at the head of the Korean revolution after he raised high the torch of the anti-Japanese armed struggle on the peak of Mt. Baekdu.

Marshal Kim Il Sung, the peerless patriot and hero of our nation, instilled the spirit of national resurrection into the hearts of the Korean people and shone on the whole land as the star of salvation and sun of the Korean revolution in the very tragic days when our people were forced to a tearful slavery under the colonial oppression of Japanese imperialism and at the rigid moment when the destiny of our nation was at stake.

After the liberation the Marshal reared our workers, who had languished in backbreaking toil and exploitation, as proud masters of factories, gave land to our peasants who had suffered from poverty and hunger and ensured us women, who had been subjected to absence of all rights and all humiliation, equal rights with man and a worthy, new life.

We know well through experience in actual life that the great changes effected in our country, today's happiness we are enjoying and a bright future are totally unthinkable apart from the leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader.

Therefore, when the U.S. imperialists, the enemy, kindled a flame of war in this soil, our husbands, sons and daughters rushed out resolutely to the front in response to the radio address of the Marshal and showed all loyalty to the fatherly Marshal with single devotion, to defend our Party and our power founded and our fatherland regained by the Marshal.

Our husbands, sons and daughters, cherishing the honour of being soldiers of the Marshal, blocked the loopholes of the enemy's pillboxes with their burning hearts on the fields of hard-fought battles for routing the enemy U.S. imperialists and killed many enemies by rolling into the midst of the enemy with a handgrenade between their teeth when they lost both arms and both legs; they always took to oath of final victory toward Comrade Supreme Commander before they went out to a life-and-death fight, singing loudly the "Song of General Kim Il Sung."

As the anti-Japanese guerrillas defended the Leader of the revolution at the risk of their lives covering ten thousand *ri* in snowstorms and crossing the death lines, so our husbands and sons and daughters fought in the enemy's rear, underground, behind bars and in all adversities, they withstood undauntedly all the savage penalties and torture by the enemy and defended their revolutionary principle till the last moment of their lives on the gallows, shouting at the top of their voice "Long live General Kim Il Sung!"

Our husbands and sons and daughters dedicated without hesitation their youth and lives to the beloved fatherland, though there was only one life for them, because there was the Marshal and they were firmly convinced of the victory of the Korean revolution led by the Marshal.

It was wholly thanks to the correct leadership and warm solicitude of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, that our husbands, sons and daughters could grow as revolutionary fighters so faithful to the Marshal and meet their heroic death with proud smiles in battlefields or on the execution ground.

Therefore, though our husbands, sons and daughters fell or were crippled, that is worthy and glorious beyond measure.

Marshal Kim Il Sung, dear father of us families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers!

You, dear Marshal, provided clothes to bereaved children, readily taking out the emergency money given to you by Mother Kang Ban Sok when you were setting out upon the road of revolution in your early age and looked after the bereaved families with profound care even under the hard conditions of the anti-Japanese armed struggle when cold, hunger and hardships barred its way.

Under the warm solicitude of the Marshal, many families of revolutionary entered the guerrilla bases, breaking away from the persecution of the enemy and dangers, and large numbers of bereaved children grew into revolutionary cadres, educated and trained at the schools and Children's Corps in the guerrilla bases and in the Children's Companies.

Upon your triumphal return to the fatherland after the liberation, you, dear Marshal, set up in person the Mangyongdae Revolution School under the then complicated and difficult circumstances and called together bereaved children of anti-Japanese revolutionary martyrs by sending people to various areas and educated them.

You, dear Marshal, have directed that warm love and paternal solicitude to all families of revolutionary martyrs, honoured disabled soldiers and their families.

You, dear Marshal, have guided us to perform the backbone role in all domains, trusting in us as pillars of the Party, and showed care for us to live without any worry amid the deep love and assistance of the Party, state and the entire people.

Right after the liberation and during the

grim days of the Fatherland Liberation War and in the hard postwar period, the Marshal ensured all conditions necessary for the education and livelihood of us and our children and provided us with the best and most valuable things preferentially.

The warm hand of the Marshal is stretched to all the spheres of our life, from the grand revolutionary school to the bereaved children's schools all over the country, from the honoured disabled soldiers' factories to the recuperation homes for honoured disabled soldiers.

Though you are so busy with state affairs, you, dear Marshal, came all the way down to our homes personally and looked after every aspect of our living.

Dear Marshal who takes care of our livelihood, worrying if we might feel cold or hot!

How can words or letters describe all the profound love of the Marshal who regards our joy as his own and our pains as his own?

We could not keep back tears when you, dear Marshal, taught a woman who lost her husband at the hand of the Yankee scoundrels, patting her lightly on the shoulder, that she should live with firm determination, continuing the will of those who had fallen, and when you personally helped an armless honoured disabled soldier hold a fountain pen in his artificial hand and made him write, encouraging him to keep the flowers of revolution in bloom.

We had never shed tears openly, thinking of our fallen fathers or husbands. But we could not keep back the gushing tears when you dear Marshal showed us fatherly love.

We came to feel at the time that one sheds more tears when he is really happy and grateful than when he is sad.

Yes, that is true!

There are numerous families in the world who lost their husbands and sons at battlefields. But we do not know there are others who live, enjoying such pride and such unbounded glory as us.

We owe all our worthwhile life and happiness today entirely to the great love and solicitude of the Marshal.

We do not forget even a moment that each passage of the numerous decisions and instructions issued by the Party and the state for us is imbued with the warm, fatherly love of the Marshal.

You dear Marshal not only look us after with such warm care but pay special solicitude for the education of the bereaved children, our hope and the future of the fatherland.

"Who will be their fathers, if not us? We should rear all of them as revolutionaries who will carry forward the wishes of their parents." "Sleep does not come when I think of the orphaned children." These words told by the Marshal, thinking of the bereaved children, are permeated with the wish of deep love of the Marshal to make them grow up with nothing to envy in the world, valuing them as the apple of the eye.

While guiding in the work of a farm, you dear Marshal embraced bereaved children in your bosom and sent them to the revolutionary school to rear them as the backbone of the revolution.

Wherever one may go, in every nook and corner of the fatherland, he sees no place where the warm hand of the Marshal has not reached bereaved children.

We still picture to ourselves: you dear Marshal who visited an out-of-the-way mountain village, treading a dewy path in early morning, shortly after the armistice when powder smoke was still lingering over this land, said seeing a schoolboy approaching you with bare feet: **"...This child greets me, who cannot let him wear even shoes..."** That child said that he did not know at that time why the Marshal looked toward the far skies beyond the mountain for a long while his face clouding over, but today, ten years after, when this child finished a school for bereaved children and has grown into a stout sentinel, would he say that he can fathom fully the wide and deep idea of the Marshal.

When people speak of most benevolent love, they often liken it to the sun in the sky and the ocean.

But, no matter how warm the sun in the sky may be and no matter how deep the ocean may be, how can they be comparable to the love and the solicitude shown by the Marshal for us?

Numerous beautiful stories told among the people about the Marshal in our times will be conveyed like a legend to generations to come through thousands of, tens of thousands of years.

The teachings and love of the Marshal were the inexhaustible source of strength and courage for us and so are they today.

Therefore, at times when we were faced with difficulty, we gained fresh strength looking up to the Marshal and stood up vigorously and held tightly a hammer and sickle.

As the Marshal has always been with us, we have been able to forge ahead energetically only along the one road of the revolution indicated by the Marshal, surmounting any difficulties and trials.

As long as the Marshal is with us, we know no other joy than this. We know no other honour than this.

Loudly announcing to the whole world our unbounded pride and greatest honour of being revolutionary soldiers of Marshal Kim Il Sung, we, in the name of the entire families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers, extend from the bottom of our hearts warmest gratitude and highest honour to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected

and beloved Leader, who has shown deep care for us, brought us up into the pillars of revolution and provided us with today's happiness and the grateful socialist system.

Marshal Kim Il Sung who always leads our people to victory and glory!

The cause of the Korean revolution which your dear Marshal started 40-odd years ago and for which our husbands and sons and daughters fought shedding their blood, upholding the idea of you dear Marshal has not yet come to completion.

Today we are confronted with the sacred duty to drive out the U.S. imperialist aggressors, liberate the southern half, unify the fatherland and accomplish the Korean revolution.

The U.S. imperialists still remain in the land of the South, the Japanese imperialists being revived are again making inroads there and the reactionary bureaucratic group of the pro-U.S., pro-Japanese lackeys is entrenched there as before.

Of late, the U.S. imperialists are more viciously perpetrating reckless military provocations against the northern half of the Republic, making a frantic war racket, occasioned by the seizure of "Pueblo", an armed spy ship, dispatched deep into our territorial waters to perpetrate hostile acts.

The U.S. imperialists' infiltration of the armed spy ship into our territorial waters is a brigandish, piratic act, a flagrant encroachment on the sovereign state and a part of the planned machinations of U.S. imperialism to ignite a new war in Korea.

Today a grave situation has been created in our country, in which a war may break out again at any moment.

Holding firmly a rifle in one hand and a hammer and sickle in the other, upholding the decisions of the historic Conference of the Party and the Government Political Programme put forth by the Marshal, we will energetically push ahead with economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel, in order to build up full combat preparedness in face of the frantic war provocation machinations of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges traitorous Pak Jung Hi clique and meet the great event of the unification of the fatherland with full preparations.

We who regard it as the greatest honour and pride in the world to have the Marshal as our Leader and entrust our destiny wholly to the Marshal, firmly pledge ourselves to fight on staunchly along the one road of the revolution illumined by the Marshal, closely rallied together with the entire people around the Marshal.

We will firmly arm ourselves, first of all, with the unitary ideology of our Party, the revolutionary ideas of Marshal Kim Il Sung.

We will make the great revolutionary ideas of Marshal Kim Il Sung our flesh and blood and become true revolutionary soldiers of the Marshal who think and act as the Marshal does at any time and in any place and know no other ideas but the revolutionary ideas of the Marshal.

We are deeply convinced through life that only when we advance along the road indicated by Marshal Kim Il Sung can we certainly win a great victory.

Our intense fidelity to share life and death with the Marshal is the rock-firm belief and will which have taken root in our hearts in the course of the protracted and arduous yet glorious revolutionary struggle.

No force on earth is stronger and more formidable than the might yielded by the firm resolve of those engaged in revolution to be loyal to the Leader of the revolution.

We will single-heartedly defend Marshal Kim Il Sung with our lives and implement the teachings of the Marshal to the end in any wind.

We will resolutely defend and creditably inherit and develop the glorious revolutionary traditions of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, the root of our Party and our revolution, established under the personal leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the Korean revolution.

We will thoroughly revolutionize and *working-classize* ourselves and revolutionize the whole family by learning from Mother Kang Ban Sok, the greatest paragon of the Korean women.

Mother Kang Ban Sok is the greatest mother of Korea who gave birth to and brought up the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, devoted her all to her husband, a revolutionary, and son, a revolutionary, and herself followed the path of revolution.

The lofty revolutionary spirit, optimistic character, noble moral traits and revolutionary life of Mother Kang Ban Sok, Mother who educated her sons in revolutionary principle and indomitable revolutionary spirit, Mother who encouraged her son who came to see the Mother seriously ill in bed, saying that he should devote himself to the revolution, not worrying about her and who believed in the Marshal and saw the future of Korea to be liberated even under the difficult circumstances in which she was groaning under the suppression by Japanese imperialism and in poverty and illness are a living mirror teaching us and the entire Korean women how the mothers of revolutionaries and the wives of revolutionaries should live and struggle.

We will live with an unbending will as wives and mothers of revolutionaries and revolutionize ourselves and all the members of our families like Mother Kang Ban Sok, thus adding lustre to the honour of being the families of revolutionary martyrs and the pride of being the wives of honoured disabled soldiers who

were wounded in the sacred fight for the fatherland and the people.

We can never live under the same sky with the U.S. imperialists, the enemy, who deprived us of our husbands and sons and daughters or crippled them.

By further strengthening the education in socialist patriotism, we will firmly arm ourselves with burning hatred against the U.S. and Japanese imperialists, the landlords and capitalists and with high class consciousness and hold dear and love all that we have attained and defend to the last the socialist fatherland which we won at the cost of our blood.

We cannot forget even a moment the brothers and sisters in the South who are leading a bitter life under the tyranny of the U.S. imperialists and their lackeys traitorous Pak Jung Hi puppet clique and cherish warm class feelings towards the entire families of revolutionary martyrs in South Korea who dedicated their husbands and sons and daughters to the revolution and the families of revolutionaries who are engaged in struggle.

We will actively assist the revolutionary struggle of the South Korean people by more vigorously pushing ahead with socialist economic construction for the day when we liberate the oppressed and hunger-stricken people in the southern half and the 40 million Korean people live happily together in the bosom of the Marshal in a unified fatherland, flying the flag of the Republic in every nook and corner of the southern part keeping a portrait of the Marshal in every house.

We will firmly prepare ourselves ideologically so that we may be mobilized in the decisive struggle for accomplishing the cause of the unification of the fatherland, pooling strength with the South Korean people at any time we are called to come to their aid as the struggle of the South Korean people surges forward and the revolutionary situation ripens.

We will always maintain a strained and mobilized posture and make full combat readiness so that we may smite the enemy at one stroke with arms in hand no matter when he may attack us by surprise, by taking an active part in the military training and converting the rear into an invulnerable fortress in view of the prevailing situation.

We will further sharpen revolutionary vigilance at any time and in any place, reliably defend the work places and villages and further strengthen the neighbourhood unit life so that not a single spy or saboteur can worm himself into our ranks.

We will love as our kith and kin and sincerely assist the People's Army, the revolutionary armed forces of our Party, which is firmly guarding the defence line of the fatherland.

We will make full preparations so that we may keep production on a normal footing in case of emergency and secure a sufficient amount of material reserves by sparing and economizing even a grain of rice, a gram of oil and a piece of iron.

The Marshal taught that in order to meet actively the great revolutionary event, **"We must *working-classize* and revolutionize all the people and rally them firmly around our Party and Government, thereby firmly converting them into a revolutionary force."**

We will closely rally all the working people around the Marshal by widely explaining and propagandizing the instructions of the Marshal and the Party's decisions among the masses and seeing to it that one person educates and remoulds ten and the ten persons, in their turn, one hundred.

We will surely overfulfil our production assignments by further raising the flames of the Chollima workteam movement in each of our posts and each doing the shares of two, three persons.

There are sacrifices on the road of the revolution and the revolution inevitably involves sacrifices.

We will live up to the great trust and expectation of the Marshal by working exemplarily always in the van of the masses, cherishing the high honour and pride of being the families of revolutionary martyrs who died a glorious death on the road of the revolution.

We wives of honoured disabled soldiers who enjoy the warm love and solicitude of the Marshal will repay the great benevolence of the Marshal by helping our husbands so that they may continuously keep the flower of the revolution in bloom also in socialist construction, by filling the role of hands and feet for them and serving as their nurses and revolutionary comrades.

We bear the heavy and honourable responsibility to bring up our sons and daughters into fine revolutionaries as told by the Marshal, so that they may always remember their origin and firmly carry forward the revolution.

We will rear our sons and daughters into revolutionary fighters boundlessly loyal to the Marshal, succeeding the revolutionary forerunners and parents.

Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great sun of our people!

The mountain may be levelled to the ground and the ocean may dry up to become land, but our fidelity to you, dear Marshal, will never change.

Even if we die a hundred times and revive a hundred times, we will always remain the daughters of Marshal Kim Il Sung.

We, bearing deep in mind the honour of having met the fatherly Marshal, will implement to the end the instructions given by the Marshal to us families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers.

We whole-heartedly wish Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million

Korean people, peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious iron-willed genius-commander and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist and working-class movements, good health and a long life for the final victory of our revolution, for the prosperity of our fatherland and the happiness of generations to come and for the victory of socialism and communism.

The Attendants of the National Meeting of Families of Revolutionary Martyrs and Families of Honoured Disabled Soldiers

March 2, 1968

Let Us Families of Revolutionary Martyrs and Families of Honoured Disabled Soldiers Become Revolutionary Fighters Infinitely Faithful to the Party and the Leader!

Report of Comrade Kim Ok Sun,

CHAIRMAN OF THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE DEMOCRATIC WOMEN'S UNION OF KOREA,

Delivered at the National Meeting of Families of Revolutionary Martyrs and Families of Honoured Disabled Soldiers

(Abridged)

Today we are having the National Meeting of the Families of Revolutionary Martyrs and Families of Honoured Disabled Soldiers in the grand circumstances in which the whole country is seething with a great revolutionary upsurge, upholding the decisions of the historic Conference of the Workers' Party of Korea and the great Ten-point Political Programme of the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

The current National Meeting of Families of Revolutionary Martyrs and Families of Honoured Disabled Soldiers is taking place amid the deep trust of the Party and the Leader in, and their great solicitude for, the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers.

It is an infinite glory and joy for the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers to have this meeting today particularly in the presence of the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung.

In the name of all the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers, I pay the highest honour and thanks to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, who is the peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious iron-willed genius-commander and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist and working-class movements.

Many fine sons and daughters of our people offered their precious lives in the protracted anti-Japanese armed struggle for the restoration of the fatherland and in the bitter war against the armed aggression of the U.S. imperialists.

I pay high tribute of respect to the anti-Japanese revolutionary martyrs and hero soldiers who died in the heroic battle for the independence of the fatherland and the freedom and happiness of the people.

I also pay high tribute of respect to the revolutionary martyrs who laid down their lives in the valiant struggle in the southern half of the Republic for the victory of the South Korean revolution and the cause of the unification of the fatherland, against U.S. imperialism and its lackeys.

Our people under the wise leadership of the Party and the Leader have made great achievements in revolution and construction in the past period and laid solid foundations for the unification of the fatherland and the nation-wide victory of our revolution in the northern half of the Republic.

Our Party has established in the northern half of the Republic the most advanced, ever-prospering and developing socialist system where the source of exploitation and penury has been liquidated once and for all and turned our country into a powerful socialist state with a solid independent national economy, a

self-defensive national defence power and a brilliant culture by splendidly realizing in this land the idea of *Juche*, the great revolutionary idea of Comrade Kim Il Sung who has applied Marxism-Leninism creatively to the realities of Korea and developed it, and the independent revolutionary line, its embodiment.

Our people are living a happy life free from any worries about food, clothing and housing under the most excellent socialist system established in the northern half of the Republic.

Our people are devoting all their creative zeal to the prosperity and development of the socialist fatherland, all studying and enjoying medical service under the most advanced education system under which a universal nine-year compulsory technical education has been introduced and a system of sparetime education is established and under the good public health system under which free medical care is given to all.

Our country has turned into an impregnable fortress capable of beating back any aggressors at a stroke as a result of the thorough implementation of the Party's lines set forth by Comrade Kim Il Sung—the line of conducting economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel and the great military line of turning the whole army into a cadre army, modernising it, arming the entire people and converting the whole country into a fortress.

All the people, united more closely than ever before around the Party and the Leader, are making continued innovations and uninterrupted advance at the speed of Chollima.

Today as the cradleland of the idea of *Juche*, the great revolutionary idea of our era, our country is exerting an ever-increasing influence internationally and enjoying the unanimous support from the revolutionary peoples of the world because of the staunch anti-imperialist stand and its great achievements in revolution and construction.

The revolutionary forces have further grown in South Korea, too.

The broad patriotic democratic forces of South Korea are united more closely for the independent unification of the fatherland and many revolutionaries and patriotic people are employing more courageously various forms of mass revolutionary struggle including armed guerrilla struggle against the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their stooges, the traitorous puppet Pak Jung Hi clique.

The anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle of the world's people is also gaining momentum.

This meeting opened under such a situation is of weighty importance in enabling all the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers to continue and carry to accomplishment the revolutionary cause which their fathers, mothers, brothers, husbands and sons and daughters had been fulfilling devotedly in the past upholding the guidance of the Leader and in the struggle for accelerating socialist construction in the northern half of the Republic and the independent unification of the fatherland.

This meeting will also make a great contribution to firmly arming the entire people and all the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers with the unitary ideology of our Party, the revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung, promoting the revolutionisation and *working-classization* of the whole society, raising higher the flames of the great revolutionary upsurge on all fronts of socialist construction, and to making more thorough war preparations in view of the obtaining situation.

At this significant meeting we look back with deep emotion on the achievements made by our husbands and sons and daughters of the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers in the past in the heroic struggle for carrying through to the end the orders of the Leader for the Party and the fatherland, upholding the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our people.

The husbands and sons and daughters of the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers present here are the true revolutionary soldiers of the Leader who fought, devoting their all, for the Party, the fatherland and the people on the road of the sacred struggle for the restoration of the fatherland and defence of the gains of the revolution.

During the anti-Japanese armed struggle many fine sons and daughters of Korea traversed the path of protracted and arduous yet glorious struggle under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung and fought for the restoration of the fatherland and the freedom of the people, devoting their youth and lives.

In the grimmest period of Japanese imperialist rule Comrade Kim Il Sung summed up experiences of the preceding revolutionary movements in an all-round way from the stand of Marxism-Leninism and *Juche* and set forth the correct line of armed struggle, thus bringing the revolutionary movement of our country on to a new, high stage guided by Marxism-Leninism and ushering in a great new era of revolution which brought about an epochal turn in the development of the national liberation struggle and communist movement in our country.

The 15-year-long anti-Japanese armed struggle was an unprecedentedly protracted and arduous struggle waged against the troops of Japanese imperialism stationed in Korea and the one-million strong Kanto army of Japanese imperialism under the difficult conditions in which the anti-Japanese guerrillas had no state power and rear to rely on but the support of the revolutionary masses.

Comrade Kim Il Sung led the anti-Japanese armed struggle to victory by his outstanding military strategy and tactics, personally breaking through these stern ordeals and difficulties in the forefront of the struggle.

The Korean Communists and Korean people who had experienced keenly that they could never emerge victorious in any of their struggles against ferocious and knavish Japanese imperialism without the guidance of the outstanding Leader, fought closely united around Comrade Kim Il Sung standing in the van of the revolution, looking up to him as the national hero and the beacon of victory.

The anti-Japanese guerrillas regarded it as the life and soul and as their most honourable task as soldiers of the Leader to resolutely defend the revolutionary line put forward by Comrade Kim Il Sung in any adversity.

The anti-Japanese guerrillas regarded it as the fundamental question deciding the issue of the Korean revolution and the destiny of the nation to defend their Headquarters and thought of the safety of the Headquarters of the revolution, awake or asleep, with a high sense of responsibility and readily risked their own lives to defend the Leader, sharing sweets and bitters and life and death with the Headquarters.

Convinced that as long as the outstanding Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung stands in the van of our revolution, the Korean revolution is sure to win, the anti-Japanese guerrillas including Comrades Kim Chaek, An Gil, Kang Gon, Oh Jung Hup, Choi Chun Guk and Jo Jong Chol and many best sons and daughters of Korea fought, from the first days of their struggle, for the fatherland and the people, marching, with all loyalty, along the one road indicated by the Leader.

For those engaged in revolution, no force on earth is more powerful and formidable than the strength born of faith of loyalty to the Leader of the revolution.

In the Manchurian wild fields where icy-cold wind was raging, the anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters had to fight indescribably great difficulties for the long period of 15 years suffering from cold and hunger shadowed in every step. But they bravely withstood all the trials, looking up only to Comrade Kim Il Sung and drawing strength and courage from him. The anti-Japanese guerrillas unconditionally carried out the orders of the Leader to the end, even if their bodies were torn to pieces.

The anti-Japanese revolutionary fighters fought on making it as the steadfast principle of their life that "A revolutionary has no right to die before carrying out the order given by the Headquarters." This lofty revolutionary spirit of theirs is the paragon of boundless fidelity to the Leader and high sense of responsibility for revolutionary duties.

The firm resolve of the anti-Japanese guerrillas to share life and death with the Headquarters of the revolution in any adversity and their immense loyalty to carry out any orders of the Commander going through fire and water were the source of invincible might of the anti-Japanese armed struggle and the decisive guarantee for defeating the most ferocious Japanese imperialist aggressors and winning victory.

Though many of our anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners who had set out on the road of revolution under the personal guidance and warm care of Comrade Kim Il Sung and devoted their whole life to the revolution passed away before seeing the day of liberation of the fatherland, the valuable and precious achievements in struggle scored by them as the true soldiers of the Leader, will shine long in the history of the glorious revolutionary struggle of our people and in the history of our fatherland and live forever in the hearts of our people.

The boundless loyalty of the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners to the Leader has splendidly been inherited after the liberation by our people who always strive to live and fight like them.

The peerless heroism displayed by our Peopl's Army and the people in the fierce Fatherland Liberation War against U.S. imperialist armed invasion is a brilliant example of the immense loyalty to the Party, the fatherland and the people of our people who have gained freedom and happiness only under the sagacious leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung.

The great Fatherland Liberation War was the period of the grimmest trial for our people.

The U.S. imperialists who occupied South Korea in place of Japanese imperialism launched the surprise attack on the northern half of the Republic in an attempt to wipe out our young Republic at a blow and make our people their colonial slaves once again.

The hour came for a decisive battle when our people had to choose between the alternatives of whether they live to be enslaved or defend the independence and freedom of the fatherland with their very lives.

At this critical juncture, Comrade Kim Il Sung armed the people with a firm conviction of victory and organised and mobilised all forces on the front and in the rear to victory in the war and skillfully organised and directed every operation of the People's Army with outstanding strategy and tactics, thus leading the Fatherland Liberation War to great victory.

Under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, our people won victory in the Fatherland Liberation War. This marked a starting-point for U.S. imperialism to slide down the hill and gave the revolutionary peoples of the world a firm confidence that they can win victory in their struggle against U.S. imperialism, thereby greatly inspiring their anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle.

During the arduous three-year-long Fatherland Liberation War, all the Korean people including the revolutionary martyrs and honoured disabled soldiers displayed truly peerless bravery and mass heroism for the fatherland and the people advancing along the road indicated by the Leader.

Upholding Comrade Kim Il Sung's radio address (Jun. 26, 1950) calling for "Every effort for victory in the war!" factory workers, youths in the countryside and students laid down hammers, sickles and pens to take up arms. And they went to the fields of sacred battle for routing the enemies. Our women went to fields and factories to work in place of their husbands and their sons and daughters.

At every stage of the war, the officers and men of our heroic People's Army, taking to heart the orders given by Comrade Supreme Commander, fought devoting their youth and lives.

On the high and low hills of the fatherland where rocks were smashed into dust by the enemy's bombs and shells and in the trenches under a hail of the enemy's bullets, the officers and men of the People's Army, pledged to Comrade Kim Il Sung to win the final victory and went over to decisive battles.

From the burning trenches our warriors on Height 1,211 sent a written pledge to Comrade Supreme Commander, which reads:

"General Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Supreme Commander! We combatants of a platoon of the heavy machinegun company are writing this pledge in a trench on Height 1,211 enveloped in powder smoke. We are defending this height for a week on the order of Comrade Supreme Commander to defend every inch of land...

"Comrade Supreme Commander!

"As long as your soldiers are in the trenches, Height 1,211 will remain a hill of the fatherland forever."

The motto of the combatants on Height 1,211, "A place fit for our grave is everywhere, but we have not an inch to draw back alive," clearly shows the boundless love for the fatherland of our heroic soldiers and their most solemn determination to thoroughly implement to the end the order of Supreme Commander Comrade Kim Il Sung.

When they used up their bullets, they rolled the rocks down. When they failed to find even rocks, they became human bombs themselves to smash the enemies. Thus they defended every inch of land with their blood.

A great number of our Party members and patriotic people, even in the most difficult period of temporary retreat attended with trying ordeals, bravely fought maintaining their revolutionary constancy to the end, singleheartedly following the Leader without the slightest vacillation.

Our revolutionary martyrs who were arrested by the enemy during his temporary occupation of the northern half of the Republic, even at the moment when the bayonets of the enemy were pointed at their breasts, firmly believed that as long as the Leader guides our revolution, it will surely triumph and though they may die, the succeeding generation will live a happy life; they were never afraid of prisons or gallows, and fought unflinchingly in face of death.

The revolutionary martyrs who laid down their lives, and the honoured disabled soldiers who got hurt, while fighting courageously on the front and in the rear during the Fatherland Liberation War, were workers, peasants and their sons and daughters who came to enjoy freedom and a new, happy life for the first time after the liberation thanks to the wise leadership and great benevolence of Comrade Kim Il Sung.

In the dark days of Japanese imperialist rule, they were subjected to harsh exploitation and oppression by the Japanese imperialists and landlords and capitalists.

It was only under the people's power established by Comrade Kim Il Sung that they became the masters of the factory and land and enjoyed a life truly worthy of man, freeing themselves from all manner of maltreatment, humiliation and contempt.

This fine country, this grateful state power built by the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung were so precious to the liberated Korean people as cannot be bartered for anything.

Our revolutionary martyrs and honoured disabled soldiers, who deeply felt through their experience that the fatherland and the people's power are priceless, infinitely revered and trusted Comrade Kim Il Sung who had traversed the path of struggle so rugged and full of trials to restore the fatherland; they showed full allegiance to the Leader to the last, looking forward to the future of the fatherland which will prosper forever under the guidance of the Leader.

Those workers who had remained in the rear evacuated the equipment of their factories to safety zones and installed there and, with a firm resolve to do the portions of their comrades-in-arms and sons who went to the front, they worked day and night, raising efficiency twice or thrice and thus creditably ensured wartime production, and the people in the rear and transport fighters repaired railways which were cut off scores of times a day by bombings, thereby successfully ensuring wartime transportation.

In this course, quite a number of hero fighters protected the lives and properties of the people at the cost of their lives.

The protracted revolutionary struggle against Japanese and U.S. imperialism was accompanied by many twists and turns and sacrifices in its

way. But the blood they shed was by no means in vain.

Our anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners, by waging a sanguinary fight under the guidance of the Leader, defeated the brigandish Japanese imperialists, restored the lost fatherland and laid the foundation for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the banner of freedom and happiness of the Korean people.

Our hero fighters who inherited the glorious revolutionary traditions of the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners crushed the U.S. imperialist armed invasion and safeguarded their genuine fatherland, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

Comrade Kim Il Sung said as follows:

"The flag of our Republic is dyed with the red blood of the anti-Japanese fighters who fought with arms in their hands against Japanese imperialism for a long period and with the blood shed by true patriotic fighters coming from the ranks of workers and peasants who fought during the arduous Fatherland Liberation War to defend this state power, the most democratic one representing the interests of the working people."

The meritorious services rendered by the revolutionary forerunners and hero fighters in the period of the anti-Japanese armed struggle and in the grim days of the Fatherland Liberation War are a brilliant example of unbounded love for the fatherland and the people, heroism and prowess which will be handed down to the generations to come and their immortal exploits will shine forever in the history of the fatherland.

After their husbands and sons and daughters laid down their lives or got hurt in the sacred fight for the fatherland and the people, families of our revolutionary martyrs and wives of honoured disabled soldiers, taking upon themselves the revolutionary tasks left unfinished by them, continued to fight unyieldingly to carry them out to the end.

This is a manifestation of the ardent loyalty of the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers who are determined to remain true to the last to the teachings of Comrade Kim Il Sung on keeping the flower of revolution in bloom from generation to generation.

Comrade Kim Il Sung told the bereaved children of revolutionaries: **"Our revolutionary task has not yet been fulfilled. U.S. imperialism still exists and so does Japanese imperialism. In South Korea landlords, comprador capitalists and pro-Japanese, pro-U.S. lackeys remain as before.**

"As long as the enemy exists, we should continue revolution and carry it forward unwaveringly through generations."

The teachings of the Leader on carrying the revolution down through generation to completion are the invariable compass guiding our families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers in their struggle and life.

The families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers, not pessimistic in the least even when their beloved husbands and sons and daughters laid down their lives, took the course of struggle with a firm pledge to fight on, the wife taking over the banner of the revolution from her husband when he falls in action, the sons and daughters from their parents when they die in battle.

In the days of the glorious anti-Japanese armed struggle the families of revolutionary martyrs valiantly fought single-heartedly for the victory of the revolution just as their husbands had remained faithful to the Leader with all their devotion, in defence of the base areas, in the activity in the enemy-ruled districts or in discharging the scouting duties or on the battlefields of directly beating the enemy.

During the difficult days of the Fatherland Liberation War, the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers, in order to support the front and guard the rear, took part in the wartime production, operating machines in place of their husbands, rose up in the wartime food production, holding the plough with their cows camouflaged and ensured the wartime transportation, repairing roads destroyed by the enemy's bombings day and night.

Throughout the whole period of the postwar rehabilitation and construction and the socialist revolution and socialist construction, the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers, fought with all their devotion so as to remain faithful to the Leader just as their husbands did in the past and carry to fulfilment the revolutionary tasks left unaccomplished by them.

Our situation after the war was difficult beyond description. In the three-year war the whole country was reduced to heaps of cinders, the people's living was extremely deteriorated and, on top of this, the enemies, the U.S. imperialists, were watching for a chance to invade again the northern half of the Republic.

We had to lay the economic foundations of the country quickly and shore up the impoverished people's livelihood rapidly as well.

As a matter of fact, how to solve this question was a question affecting the future development of our country and a key issue determining the destiny of socialist construction.

Just at that time, Comrade Kim Il Sung, having a deep insight into the situation created in our country and the prospects of our revolution, set forth the original line of giving priority to the growth of heavy industry with the simultaneous development of light industry and agriculture, thereby indicating the solely correct way we should take.

Putting forth this line less than ten days

after the armistice, Comrade Kim Il Sung said: **"In postwar economic construction we must follow the line of giving priority to the rehabilitation and development of heavy industry with the simultaneous development of light industry and agriculture. This alone will enable us to consolidate the economic foundations of our country and improve the people's living conditions in a short period of time."**

Comrade Kim Il Sung set forth an original line of economic construction and for its implementation, put forward the slogan, "Let's dash ahead in the spirit of Chollima riders!" Thus, he initiated the Chollima movement and led with scientific foresight and unusual revolutionary sweep our people to make continuous innovations and uninterrupted advance.

Under the sagacious leadership of the great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of the honoured disabled soldiers, together with the entire people, deeply moved at the great trust and paternal love of the Leader, stoutly rose up like a phoenix from the heaps of ashes.

Indeed, the 15 years from the ceasefire up to date have been a period of proud struggle when the families of our revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers have been single-heartedly loyal to the Leader, thinking and acting as he did without the slightest vacillation in any storms.

They have resolutely championed the Party's lines and policies and uncompromisingly fought against any practice that runs counter to them.

Comrade Kim Il Sung taught the families of revolutionary martyrs:

"You must live and fight as befitting the families of those murdered by the enemy during the war. You should make a firm resolve and take the lead in the revolutionary work. You must always work and study in the mental attitude that you are fighting with the class enemy who slaughtered your husbands. We must not forget the past when we were despised and humiliated and wore straw-sandals and hemp clothes even at the wedding."

The families of revolutionary martyrs and the families of honoured disabled soldiers, deeply bearing in mind this earnest teaching of Comrade Premier, are valiantly fighting in the forefront in carrying out the Party's policies in all domains of the people's economy.

Upholding the teaching of Comrade Kim Il Sung on revolutionizing the whole society, families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers are working actively to revolutionize themselves, their homes, their working shops, and their villages and rally the entire people around the Party.

In the education of children too, families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers are a model for others.

Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"The youths and children are our replacements and continuers of the revolutionary cause.

"Therefore, it can be said that the question of educating the younger generation is linked directly and closely with the future of the revolution. The proper education of the younger generation alone will make it possible to rear them into true continuers of the revolutionary cause, to firmly defend the revolutionary gains we have secured through an arduous struggle, and carry the revolution through to the end."

Bearing this earnest teaching of the Leader deep in mind, families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers devoted themselves heart and soul to the upbringing of the children as reliable successors to our revolutionary cause and as ardent Communists.

They endeavoured first of all to rear their children into soldiers boundlessly loyal to the Leader.

Also, they educated their children to hate the class enemies to the last degree and fight them to the bitter end.

As the firm pillars on whom the future of our revolution rests, a great number of bereaved children who were educated by the Party and the Leader and brought up creditably in the revolutionary families are now playing a nuclear role in the Party and state organs, the People's Army and in all fields of the people's economy.

Families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers have been working and living in a revolutionary and communist manner.

With the revolutionary spirit that so long as their hearts beat and the enemy exists, they cannot stop their struggle, our honoured disabled soldiers voluntarily went to the labour front and are waging an indefatigable struggle, scoring brilliant labour achievements.

Highly appreciating the feats performed by the honoured disabled soldiers, Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"You comrades whose love for the fatherland is very strong and whose resolve to defend the Party and the Party Central Committee is firm, defended the fatherland with blood in wartime and are contributing to the prosperity of the fatherland and socialist construction by worthwhile labour today."

We can say with immense pride that such great exploits of the honoured disabled soldiers are closely associated with the invisible services rendered by their wives who gave every assistance making up for their lost hands, legs or eyes with invariable sincerity all through the period of more than 10 years.

It is attributable to the earnest teachings and parental solicitude of Comrade Kim Il Sung that in the past period the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers have been able to traverse

fruitful path of struggle feeling the high honour of being wives of the revolutionaries and their sons and daughters.

Regarding family members of those revolutionary martyrs and of honoured disabled soldiers who fell or wounded in the sacred battles for defending the freedom and independence of the fatherland and the gains of the revolution as the pillar of our Party, Comrade Premier led them to continue the revolutionary struggle, following their husbands, brothers, or sons and daughters, and took profound care of their life at all times with warm paternal affection.

It is the consistent line adhered to by Comrade Kim Il Sung to look after families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers, rear them into the backbone detachment of the Party and lead them to continue the revolution.

Even in the grim days of the anti-Japanese armed struggle Comrade Kim Il Sung always took great care of the bereaved families of those fighters who fell in the battles against Japanese imperialism, and reared a great number of their children into ardent Communists, dauntless revolutionaries, embracing them in his own bosom.

Although he was busy laying one by one the foundations for the construction of an independent sovereign state, rich and strong, in the very complex and difficult situation after the liberation, he personally went to historic Mangyongdae to select the site for the Mangyongdae Revolution School and sent out people to different parts to find out the bereaved children of the anti-Japanese revolutionary martyrs and gave them education at the school.

When the Mangyongdae Revolution School was set up, Comrade Kim Il Sung said to the students of the school as follows:

"Your parents were ardent revolutionary fighters who fought for the freedom and liberation of the fatherland to the last drop of their blood.

"They fought in the past, together with me, in the areas of Mt. Baekdu, arms in hand, against vicious Japanese imperialism. But they fell, to my great regret, before seeing the liberation of the fatherland.

"They all expressed their dying wishes, asking for the education of their little children to make revolutionaries of them when the fatherland is liberated in the future.

"So, I, always remembering their wishes, had been thinking that when the fatherland was liberated I would build a school to educate the children of the revolutionaries at state expense...

"You should, therefore, become fine revolutionaries pursuing the will of your parents."

These words of Comrade Premier imply his boundlessly lofty intention to realize the aspiration of the anti-Japanese revolutionary martyrs who died before they saw the restoration of the fatherland.

Comrade Kim Il Sung is showing the same warm love and parental concern as he did for the families of anti-Japanese revolutionary martyrs for our families of revolutionary martyrs who fell in the Fatherland Liberation War and our families of honoured disabled soldiers.

At each stage of the development of the revolution after the liberation Comrade Premier took measures to build up families of revolutionary martyrs, honoured disabled soldiers and their wives into a strong nuclear force of our revolution and to look after their life.

Comrade Premier took practical steps for their labour, study and life through many on-the-spot guidances, and the Party and Cabinet decisions, orders and directives.

Comrade Premier paid a special concern, above all, to educating and rearing families of revolutionary martyrs into a reliable backbone detachment which would carry forward our revolutionary cause following their husbands or sons and daughters, and to furnishing an opportunity of learning for the honoured disabled soldiers so that they could keep the flowers of the revolution in bloom, and provided all conditions necessary for them.

Comrade Premier saw to it that the primary institutes for families of revolutionary martyrs who fell in the Fatherland Liberation War and the People's Economy Institute for families of revolutionary martyrs were set up and that the honoured disabled soldiers' schools were run in different parts; he showed considerations for them so that they could be preferentially admitted into the schools of all levels and the cadre training organs and study free from any worry.

Thanks to the great concern of the Leader, the family members of revolutionary martyrs and honoured disabled soldiers are studying to their hearts' content, not only fully provided with the best of all things, from school buildings, dormitories, cultural and welfare establishments to experimental practice apparatuses, but also getting free supply of all things needed for their study and life during the school days, including textbooks, stationery, uniforms, underwear, footwear and daily necessaries.

Indeed, immeasurably warm and deep is the concern of the paternal Leader for offering the opportunity of learning to families of revolutionary martyrs and honoured disabled soldiers.

The deep concern of Comrade Premier for educating families of revolutionary martyrs and rearing them into a pillar of the Party can be found also in his profound solicitude about families of revolutionary martyrs in Ohyon-ri, Yonan County, South Hwanghae Province.

In January 1962 when he stayed in this village for on-the-spot guidance, Comrade Premier met bereaved families in the village and acquainted himself minutely with the conditions of their life and, patting the bereaved children

on the backs, expressed his concern for their future and talked over it with them with the affection of a real father.

Referring to the necessity of giving further education to the bereaved children, he sent them to the school by car then and there, and the next day he himself called at the school and instructed that the children should be taken good care of.

At that time Comrade Premier said that **"Who would do duty for the fathers of the bereaved children, if we do not?"** How can we say that his love expressed in these words is confined to the bereaved children of this village!

Thanks to the exceptional affection of the paternal Leader, today not only the children of the anti-Japanese revolutionary martyrs but the children of revolutionary martyrs who fell in the Fatherland Liberation War are all given education and a good number of family members of revolutionary martyrs have grown into fine revolutionary cadres after receiving education.

Comrade Kim Il Sung had family members of revolutionary martyrs appointed to important posts in the Party and state organs, working people's organizations, economic and cultural organs and the People's Army so that they could play a nuclear role in all fields of politics, economy, culture and military affairs, and led them to grow up into fine revolutionary cadres competent to skilfully organize and mobilize the masses in the practical struggle for carrying through the Party's policies.

As a result, a host of family members of revolutionary martyrs and the bereaved children of revolutionaries, who have grown up in the bosom of the Leader, are now reliably pushing ahead with the revolution and construction work as political and military cadres, as economic and technical personnel. All honoured disabled soldiers, provided with jobs suited to their physical conditions, are devoting their knowledge and talents without reserve to the sacred work for the prosperity of the fatherland and the happiness of the people.

Families of revolutionary martyrs and honoured disabled soldiers are fully secured a very good livelihood and are provided with the most convenient and favorable conditions, from the allotment of houses and the supply of fuel to medical care.

In particular, special concern and solicitude are directed to the everyday life and health of the physically handicapped honoured disabled soldiers.

For medical care and health of the honoured disabled soldiers, Comrade Premier saw to it that honoured disabled soldiers' hospitals, sanatoria and honoured disabled soldiers' convalescent hospitals were built in all parts and industrial clinics set up in all honoured disabled soldiers' factories, and highly expensive medicaments, fine medical instruments and nutriments were provided to them liberally and that tonics were supplied gratis to all the honoured disabled soldiers working in the honoured disabled soldiers' factories.

The entire people today have boundless respect and love for families of revolutionary martyrs and honoured disabled soldiers, hold them dear and in esteem and assist them sincerely everywhere.

Thanks to the wise leadership and great favours of the Leader, families of our revolutionary martyrs, though bereft of husbands and children, are now living stout-heartedly, full of revolutionary optimism and with a feeling of honour and pride well worthy of the wives, sons or daughters of revolutionaries, and our honoured disabled soldiers and their wives, too, are working and living with a great pride as true revolutionary soldiers of the Leader.

Our revolutionary martyrs, loyal soldiers of the Leader, were convinced that even if they fell halfway before accomplishing victory in the struggle, as long as there was Comrade Premier, their children would grow up in the warm bosom of the paternal Leader and would carry forward and accomplish the cause of the revolution which they were leaving unfinished. So they came out without hesitation in a death-defying battle against the enemy.

This truth has been engraved through the practice of life deeply on the minds of families of our revolutionary martyrs and wives of the honoured disabled soldiers. So, they are filled with the unanimous resolve to fight it out to the death coping fearlessly with any difficulties and ordeals for the final victory of our revolutionary cause, for the implementation of the Leader's orders.

Comrade Kim Il Sung has reared in this way families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers into ones who play the role of the backbone in our revolution, thus building up the strong nuclear position for the woman movement in our country.

Thanks to the wise leadership of the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people Comrade Kim Il Sung, the woman movement in our country has successfully developed, and under his warm care the problem of women is being solved splendidly.

As early as the period of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, Comrade Kim Il Sung regarded the problem of women as one of the fundamental questions awaiting solution in the revolutionary movement, and laid down in the Ten-point Programme of the Association for the Restoration of the Fatherland as follows: **"Equality in human relations irrespective of sex shall be ensured; the social status of women be enhanced and their personality be respected."** In this way he indicated the clear way to the liberation of women.

At that time Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"If the Korean women are to attain their emancipation and win genuine freedom and rights in all domains of political, economic and social life, the feudal system and colonial rule should be abolished and, to this end, the Japanese imperialist aggressors should be driven out and national liberation and independence should be achieved.

"For this purpose the women must take an active part in the anti-Japanese national-liberation struggle and fight shoulder to shoulder with men."

It was from the first days of his revolutionary activities that Comrade Kim Il Sung directed great concern to and led the woman movement like this.

In his boyhood and youth when Comrade Kim Il Sung conducted revolutionary activities in Fusung, Kalun, and many other localities, he formed women's organizations and carried on political enlightenment work widely among women to educate them in the anti-Japanese spirit and in the revolutionary spirit of hating and uncompromisingly fighting against the exploiting classes such as the landlords and capitalists.

During the anti-Japanese armed struggle Comrade Kim Il Sung, proceeding from the line for the woman movement, formed anti-Japanese women's organizations including the Women's Association in various areas to rouse broad sections of the women to the anti-Japanese national-liberation struggle, and boldly enlisted women in the guerrilla army to bring them up into fine revolutionary fighters.

Under the direct guidance and care of Comrade Kim Il Sung, numerous women grew up into laudable revolutionaries through the anti-Japanese armed struggle and their activities in the organizations of the Women's Association, and made a great contribution to the restoration of the fatherland and the brilliant victory of the anti-Japanese armed struggle.

The revolutionary traditions and valuable experiences in the woman movement gained in the course of the anti-Japanese armed struggle, served as a sure asset for the development of the woman movement after the liberation in our country. They are carried forward splendidly by our Party and the Korean Democratic Women's Union founded by Comrade Kim Il Sung.

After the liberation Comrade Kim Il Sung laid down a correct line for settling the problem of women in our country on the basis of the rich experiences accumulated in the course of the anti-Japanese armed struggle and in conformity to the realities of liberated Korea. And then, on the basis of the line, he proclaimed the Law on the Equality of the Sexes freeing the women from the centuries-old fetters and founded the Women's Union enabling the women to enjoy political freedom and to exercise their political rights.

Comrade Kim Il Sung taught that in order to build socialism and communism the problem of women should be fully solved and, to this end, the women be made to take an active part in socialist construction so as to exercise their rights in practice, *working-classize* and revolutionize themselves.

To induce the women to take an active part in socialist construction, Comrade Kim Il Sung has provided them with every condition to work.

Though he is pressed by state affairs, he has personally visited large and small factories, farm and fishing villages and met women at machine, in the fields and at home, carefully studied their working and living conditions and the education of the children, and solved knotty problems for them, one by one.

Thus, everywhere women of our country are today provided with jobs fitting their abilities and constitutions, and nurseries and kindergartens are open, with the result that our women are working free from any worries.

Comrade Premier, particularly concerned for the rest, cultural life and household chores of our mothers with a large family and for the education of their children, has introduced the six-hour day for them.

Regarding the enhancement of the women's revolutionary consciousness and cultural standard as an important way to the solution of the problem of women Comrade Kim Il Sung has directed solicitude and scrupulous concern in every way to the upbringing of the women into ideologically sound and enlightened people.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, launching the movement for general ideological mobilization for the building of a new state immediately after the liberation, induced the women to turn out and join in the campaign against illiteracy and in cultural enlightenment work, and in the post-war years provided our women with adequate conditions to study while working, by setting up the working people's schools, working people's middle schools, various technique-study courses, factory technical schools, factory colleges and mothers' schools.

Thanks to such deep love, parental care of the great Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung and his original line for the solution of the problem of women today the positions of the women in our country have changed radically and the woman movement in our country has become a model for the world woman movement.

Our women who in the past had enjoyed no right whatsoever in the social and political life and were subjected to all manner of humiliations and insult, have now emerged as proud masters of the country, as a powerful force of socialist construction and are playing an important role in all domains of politics, economy and culture of the country.

In our country today 73 women are active as deputies to the Supreme People's Assembly and 33,599 women as deputies to the local peo-

ple's assemblies of all levels, and over 100,000 women have been trained as engineers, assistant engineers, and specialists to work well in all spheres of the people's economy such as industry, agriculture, education, culture and public health.

All these changes in our women's life and our happy life are attributable entirely to the original solution of the women's question by Comrade Kim Il Sung, our great Leader who is the peerless patriot of our nation, indomitable revolutionary fighter and outstanding Leader, and to his wise leadership and profound solicitude.

Whenever Comrade Kim Il Sung takes measures for the happiness of the women in the northern half of the Republic, he is anxious about the South Korean women groaning under the colonial fascist rule of terror by U.S. imperialism and the quisling Pak Jung Hi and his clique; he indicates a clear way to their emancipation and the right path the Korean women abroad should follow and leads them along the road of the anti-U.S., national-salvation struggle.

Today the South Korean women, boundlessly revering the respected and beloved Leader, are valiantly fighting against U.S. imperialism and its stooges Pak Jung Hi clique for the day when they will live happily together with the people in the northern half of the Republic under the leadership of the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people Comrade Kim Il Sung, and are struggling for the emancipation of the women.

The earnest feeling of reverence of the South Korean women for the Leader finds vivid expression in the letters pledging loyalty which were embroidered on a silk cloth sent to Comrade Premier recently by a South Korean woman.

This woman curtained the windows and, sitting with her face turned to the north where the Leader lives, embroidered at midnight the letters pledging her loyalty to the Leader "Long live Marshal Kim Il Sung!" on a piece of satin which she had intended for her wedding dress.

It took her as long as over 360 days to embroider the letters expressing her loyalty, because she had to put in stitches one by one with her whole heart avoiding the eyes of the enemy.

Who can say that these letters of loyalty are expressive of the allegiance of only one woman fighting in South Korea? They express the unanimous feelings of all the women revolutionaries and women patriots and all the people in South Korea, including a woman who with her warm heart sent a special product of her locality to the Leader wishing him a long life and good health, and a mother who, though so poor that she cannot keep the pot boiling, got provisions and dried fish and sent them to the revolutionaries fighting in mountains or engaged in underground activities, saying that "More precious are people who are making revolution upholding the will of dear Marshal Kim Il Sung."

Inspired by the sagacious leadership and warm love of the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Korean women in Japan are also waging a brave struggle, with a single heart to be infinitely faithful to the Leader.

Despite all sorts of suppressive actions of the reactionary Japanese government, they are fighting in the van of the struggle to defend their right to return to their glorious fatherland, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, their right to democratic, national education, and all other democratic, national rights with a high sense of pride in their citizenship of the Republic which has the leadership of the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung, shouting loudly: "Long live Marshal Kim Il Sung!"

The struggle of our women for the unification of the fatherland and the nation-wide victory of the revolution is being unfolded vigorously under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, and the woman movement in our country is developing onto a higher stage.

In the course of the development of the woman movement in our country, the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers have grown into a reliable force of the Party and the revolution and proud builders of socialism under the leadership and care of the brilliant Leader.

Our people have triumphantly explored the road of the protracted and arduous revolution and scored great achievements in the revolution and construction thanks to the great revolutionary ideas and under the seasoned leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader.

Our revolution, however, is not yet over and we are confronted with the weighty task of unifying the divided fatherland and attaining the nation-wide victory of our revolution.

Comrade Kim Il Sung said to the bereaved children of revolutionaries: **"I hope you will fight to the bitter end against U.S. and Japanese imperialism and against the landlords and comprador capitalists in South Korea and fight staunchly to defend the socialist gains of the northern half of the Republic, realize the unification of the fatherland and build a socialist society in South Korea, too. You should become the backbone in the People's Army and in the Party and government organs and public organizations and continue revolution."**

The families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers, laying this teaching of the Leader to their hearts, should continue to fight stubbornly for the

final victory of our revolution without being complacent with the successes scored.

As long as imperialism exists and the class enemy remains, struggle cannot be stopped and revolution must be continued until the cause of socialism and communism is achieved. Particularly U.S. imperialism, the chieftain of world reaction, is the mortal enemy of the Korean people and the inveterate enemy of the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers.

The U.S. imperialists started aggression against our country more than 100 years ago and they are the accomplices of aggression who helped Japanese imperialism in every way in its occupation of Korea.

After the liberation the U.S. imperialists, having occupied South Korea, one half of our fatherland, converted it into their colony and military base of aggression, arrested, imprisoned or murdered hundreds of thousands of patriots and committed the brigandish armed invasion against the northern half of the Republic in an attempt to enslave the Korean people as a whole.

During the past Fatherland Liberation War the U.S. imperialist aggressors reduced to ashes our peaceful towns and villages by indiscriminate bombings, mercilessly killed and maimed the husbands and sons and daughters of revolutionary martyrs' families and honoured disabled soldiers' families and a great many women and children.

In Shinchon county, South Hwanghae Province alone, the enemy slaughtered over 35,000 patriots and people, employing the most diabolical methods.

The U.S. imperialist ogres unhesitatingly perpetrated thrice-cursed atrocities; they locked up mothers and children separately in the two adjoining warehouses, tormented the detained brutally and finally burned them to death after pouring gasoline all over.

Having turned the whole of South Korea into a land of darkness under military fascist rule, the U.S. imperialists and the Pak Jung Hi puppet clique, a pack of traitors, are arresting, jailing or murdering patriots and innocent people at random and dragging out large numbers of youths and middle-aged to the shambles in South Viet Nam as bullet-shields for U.S. imperialism.

Particularly, women in South Korea, subjected to colonial enslavement and feudal oppression, are deprived of even their elementary human rights and, unable to bear hardships of living any more, take their own lives together with their dear ones or enter prostitution at last.

U.S. imperialism is ushering into South Korea the Japanese militarists, the implacable enemy of our people, to attain its aggressive ends and Japanese imperialism is again stretching out its tentacles of aggression to South Korea with the backing of U.S. imperialism.

The root cause of all the misfortunes and privations of the South Korean people today lies entirely in the occupation of South Korea by U.S. imperialism.

As long as the U.S. imperialists keep occupying South Korea and our country remains partitioned, the people in South Korea cannot extricate themselves from the present miserable, hard plight and our people cannot live in peace even for a moment.

We cannot merely look with folded arms at the South Korean compatriots, women and children of one and the same blood starving to death and shedding blood in their fight and we can never hand down the divided fatherland to our posterity.

To unify the fatherland and achieve the nation-wide victory of the revolution is the historic task of accomplishing the revolutionary cause started by the Korean Communists under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung more than 40 years ago.

The families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers should give active support to the struggle of the South Korean people to accomplish the South Korean revolution and unify the fatherland so as to fulfil to the last the revolutionary task unaccomplished by their husbands and children and take revenge on their enemy at all costs.

In order to continue revolution and accomplish our revolutionary cause without fail, first of all, the unitary ideological system of the Party must be established thoroughly.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, said: **"To arm yourselves with the unitary ideology of our Party and with the policy of our Party means to continue revolution and fight till the completion of revolution. The unitary ideology is the ideas of our Party which are run through with the principle of *Juche* in ideology, independence in politics, self-sustenance in the economy and self-defence in national defence. Only by firmly arming yourselves with the unitary ideology of our Party can you win victory in the revolutionary struggle and carry out the revolution to the end from generation to generation."**

By the unitary ideological system of the Party we mean that we arm ourselves firmly with the revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, thoroughly defend Comrade Kim Il Sung, unconditionally accept the teachings of Comrade Kim Il Sung to make them our bones and flesh and carry them out thoroughly, breathe and act as the Leader does and share life and death, sweets and bitters, with the Leader.

It is thanks to the revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung and his seasoned leadership that the Korean people have victoriously paved the way of the protracted and arduous

revolution and are confidently looking forward to the brilliant future of the Korean revolution and its triumph.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, is the peerless patriot, national hero, who has fought with all devotion solely for the freedom and happiness of the Korean people for more than 40 years now since he set out on the road of revolutionary struggle at his early age; the ever-victorious iron-willed genius-commander who fought and won over Japanese imperialism and defeated U.S. imperialism as well; the outstanding Leader of the revolution who, creatively applying Marxism-Leninism to the realities of our country and developing it, is leading the cause of socialism and communism in Korea triumphantly; and the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, whom our people look up to and follow unanimously as the sun of the nation.

Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of our people, is enjoying the absolute trust and high respect of the revolutionary peoples all over the world, as a strong-willed revolutionary, outstanding Marxist-Leninist and as a great and seasoned leader of the international communist and working-class movements because of his fidelity to the revolutionary principles of Marxism-Leninism, his thoroughgoing anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. stand and his great theoretical and practical contributions to the development of the international communist movement.

To defend and safeguard the Leader constitutes the basic guarantee for defending our revolution and for achieving the final victory of our revolution.

The families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers should firmly arm themselves with the Party's unitary ideological system of knowing no other ideas than the revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our people, and should resolutely defend and safeguard the Leader under any trials and adversity.

In order to arm ourselves with the unitary ideology of the Party it is necessary to arm ourselves thoroughly with the teachings of Comrade Kim Il Sung and the Party's policies.

In this way we must establish *Juche* thoroughly and fight with determination against all unsound, counter-revolutionary ideological trends such as revisionism, Left opportunism, flunkeyism, bourgeois ideas, feudalistic Confucian ideas, factionalism, parochialism and nepotism that run counter to the Party's ideas.

In order to fully arm ourselves with the unitary ideology of the Party, it is also necessary to make a deep study of the revolutionary traditions of our Party and grasp their essence.

Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"The profound education in the revolutionary traditions plays the most important role in revolutionizing people and inducing them to establish the unitary ideological system."

Only when we arm ourselves with the glorious revolutionary traditions of our Party can we defend the unitary ideological system of our Party in whatever difficult circumstances and accomplish the revolutionary cause to the end.

The families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers should learn the revolutionary ideas and the wisdom of the leadership of the Leader and his lofty virtues and traits by making profound studies about the revolutionary family into which Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of our people, was born and about the whole course of his leadership of our revolution from his early revolutionary activities.

Also, they should learn from the boundless loyalty to the Leader of the anti-Japanese guerrillas, their lofty revolutionary spirit of defending Comrade Kim Il Sung politically and ideologically and safeguarding him at the cost of their lives, and their spirit of combating uncompromisingly against all descriptions of practices inimical to the unitary ideological system of the Party.

The families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers should be clearly aware that the revolutionary traditions built up in the course of the anti-Japanese armed struggle organized and waged by Comrade Kim Il Sung are the historic root of our Party and the most precious revolutionary wealth of our people, and should resolutely defend the revolutionary traditions and inherit in full and develop them.

The families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers should arm with the revolutionary ideas of Comrade Kim Il Sung to revolutionise themselves and, at the same time, model after Mrs. Kang Ban Sok who is the paragon in the revolutionization of our women.

Mrs. Kang Ban Sok, as a mother of Korea who gave birth to and brought up Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, was a devoted helper who assisted in every way her husband Mr. Kim Hyong Jik, ardent patriot and indomitable anti-Japanese revolutionary fighter, and her sons in their revolutionary activities. She was also a fine woman revolutionary herself who fought for the restoration of the fatherland and the emancipation of the women.

The path of struggle traversed by Mrs. Kang Ban Sok was a rough and thorny path which was beset with absence of all rights and hunger at every step and strewn with hardships and trials every hour. But no amount of hardships and privations could break her strong will and noble spirit.

The more difficulties and hardships she encountered, the greater faith and courage she displayed; the more atrocious the enemy be-

came, the more stubborn and resolute she grew; and the more difficult her livelihood became, the more persevering and assiduous she grew in managing the household affairs. The brilliant life of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok not only as the wife of a revolutionary, the mother of a revolutionary and as the mistress of a revolutionary family but also as an ardent revolutionary herself, was the loftiest revolutionary life in which all was dedicated to the revolution, to the fatherland and the people.

Indeed, Mrs. Kang Ban Sok is an outstanding pioneer of the woman movement in our country and the paragon of our sagacious and courageous Korean women.

The families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers should learn from the noble spirit of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok whose love for the fatherland and the people knew no bounds and from her strong will displayed in waging the struggle without fearing any difficulties and trials; should model after her lofty trait of doing everything to help the husband and sons in their revolutionary activities and educate the children in a revolutionary way; and should grasp her indomitable fighting spirit in which she fought to the bitter end with a burning hatred against the enemy and her beautiful yet strong character of being tender outwardly but rigid inwardly.

Comrade Kim Il Sung said:

"The primary targets of struggle in the revolutionization of people are individualism and egoism left over by the exploiter classes."

The families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers should endeavour untiringly to cultivate the collectivist spirit of placing the interests of the organization and collective above the interests of the individual and helping and pulling each other along, and the noble revolutionary spirit of valuing the political life, and they should strive to acquire the communist tone of living and working in a revolutionary way.

The bereaved children of revolutionaries and the sons and daughters of hero soldiers are precious seeds that will continue the revolution. Therefore, it is one of the important revolutionary tasks for the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers to bring them up into fine revolutionary fighters. Upholding the teachings given by Comrade Kim Il Sung at the National Meeting of Mothers and in his on-the-spot guidance, the wives of revolutionary martyrs and wives of honoured disabled soldiers should become communist mothers themselves first and bring up their children into revolutionary soldiers boundlessly faithful to the Leader as their husbands did.

Comrade Kim Il Sung instructed: **"... The most important of all in accelerating our socialist construction and fortifying our revolutionary base is to strengthen the Party, the General Staff of the revolution, educate and remould the entire people and rally them around the Party, namely, to firmly build up the revolutionary ranks politically and ideologically."**

To be worthy of the core of the Party, the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers should arm themselves thoroughly with the class and mass lines of the Party and conduct day-to-day political activity of going deep among the masses and educating and remoulding them and actively endeavour to revolutionize the whole society by revolutionizing their work places, villages and towns.

The families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers should arm themselves firmly with socialist patriotism.

Comrade Kim Il Sung instructed: **"Our socialist patriotism is based on the socialist system which is free from exploitation and oppression and brings freedom and happiness to the working people and, accordingly, it should be manifested, above all, in the love for the socialist system and working people."**

The wives of revolutionary martyrs and wives of honoured disabled soldiers should boundlessly value the socialist system won at the cost of the blood of the anti-Japanese revolutionary forerunners and their husbands and sons and daughters, more resolutely fight in defence of it than anyone else, love their native places and mountains and rivers of the fatherland and strive devotedly to build up their places of work, villages and towns more splendidly.

The families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers should know thoroughly the aggressive nature of imperialism, and the essence of the exploiting classes and exploiting system to have a staunch spirit of bitterly hating the exploiting system and exploiting classes such as imperialism, landlords and capitalists and waging an uncompromising struggle against them.

The families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers should continue to play an exemplary role at all posts of socialist construction.

Upholding the decisions of the historic Party Conference and the great Ten-point Political Programme of Comrade Kim Il Sung, all families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers working in different fields of the people's economy should raise higher the flames of the great revolutionary upsurge, and explore and mobilize inner reserves to the maximum and turn out more and better products more cheap with existing labour, equipment and materials, thus overfulfilling without fail the people's economic plan for this year ahead of schedule.

The families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers, along with the entire people, should make thoroughgoing war preparations to meet the prevailing situation.

The general situation in our country and the rest of Asia at present is very tense.

The American imperialists who are suffering severe defeats in the war of aggression in Viet Nam are stark mad to start another war in Korea, while frantically seeking to extend the flame of the war to the whole of Asia.

With the incident of the armed spy ship "Pueblo" as an occasion the U.S. imperialists are openly raving that they will invade the northern half of the Republic, bringing into South Korea and the East Sea of our country their aggressive armed forces on a big scale.

A situation in which a war may break out at any moment has now been created in our country by the frenzied war provocation machinations of the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their lackeys traitorous Pak Jung Hi puppet clique.

In connection with the obtaining situation the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung said: **"All the officers and men of the People's Army, Red Worker-Peasant Militiamen and the entire people should further heighten revolutionary vigilance against the aggressive machinations and possible war provocation by the U.S. imperialists and firmly guard their posts in a mobilized posture at all times. In all domains and at all units the military might of the country should be further strengthened and full combat preparations be made so that the aggressors can be crushed at one stroke if they recklessly pounce upon us."**

The families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers should more thoroughly make all preparations to meet and fight the U.S. imperialist aggressors at any time in the light of the obtaining situation.

Our women including families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers should make preparations for ensuring wartime production at factories and on farms and firmly defending their work places and villages in place of men in emergency.

And families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers should acquire military techniques and military knowledge with sincerity and assiduously study war experiences and gain mastery in handling weapons thus preparing themselves more thoroughly so as to fight the enemy under any conditions.

Along with this, they should love the People's Army like their flesh and blood and assist it whole-heartedly.

In this way, we must see to it that in case a war breaks out the army and the people, closely united as one, come out like one man in a decisive battle to protect the gains of socialism, actively support the struggle of the South Korean people and accomplish the cause of the fatherland's unification.

Today our revolution is making a triumphant march under the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung and the great revolutionary event of the unification of the fatherland is drawing nearer. The U.S. imperialists are running wild, but the general situation is still favourable for our revolutionary cause.

The revolutionary struggle of the people is surging higher everywhere in the world and the U.S. imperialists' policy of aggression is going bankrupt at every step.

U.S. imperialism is already doomed like the setting sun in the west and will finally fall under the impact of the growing revolutionary struggle of the people.

The recent incident of the U.S. imperialists' armed spy ship "Pueblo" shows that the more frantic the U.S. imperialists become in their war provocation machinations, the bigger defeats they will suffer.

The revolutionary people and broad public circles of the world are now unanimous in admiring the staunch anti-imperialist ideas and steadfast revolutionary stand of Comrade Kim Il Sung and the political, economic and military might of our country built up under the wise guidance of the Leader and are receiving therefrom great inspiration and confidence in their anti-imperialist struggle.

The families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers and all of us women are full of a firm determination to crush resolutely any aggressive provocation of the U.S. imperialists with a boundless pride and self-confidence in having the great Leader Premier Kim Il Sung as their leader.

On behalf of the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers I solemnly report the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung that they are fully ready, if the Leader orders them, to take up arms at once even now and go to annihilate the enemy and take upon themselves and carry out to the end the revolutionary tasks their husbands and sons and daughters left unfinished.

The just cause of the Korean people led by the brilliant Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung is invincible.

In reflection of the unanimous warm feeling of the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers and the entire Korean women, I wish whole-heartedly Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people who is the peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious iron-willed genius-commander and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist and working-class movements, a long life and good health for the unification of the fatherland and the nation-wide victory of our

revolution, for the victory of the cause of socialism and communism in Korea, for the prosperity and development of the fatherland and the prosperity of generations to come and for the further development and victory of the international communist and working-class movements.

Let us all march ahead more vigorously towards new victory, unite steel-like around the Party Central Committee headed by the respected and beloved Leader Comrade Kim Il Sung!

Letter to Families of Revolutionary Martyrs and Families of Revolutionaries in South Korea

A letter addressed to the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of revolutionaries in South Korea was adopted at the National Meeting of Families of Revolutionary Martyrs and Families of Honoured Disabled Soldiers held in Pyongyang on March 1 and 2.
The full text of the letter reads:

Dear families of revolutionary martyrs and families of revolutionaries in South Korea!

We held a national meeting of families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers in Pyongyang, the capital of revolution, in the presence of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people and our dearest father, amid boundless emotion and excitement.

The meeting was held at a time when the whole country is seething with revolutionary zeal, upholding the decisions of the historic Conference of the Workers' Party of Korea and the great Ten-point Political Programme announced by Marshal Kim Il Sung and the entire people are making full combat preparedness in face of the machinations of U.S. imperialism to ignite a new war.

We attending this meeting renewed the determination to remain infinitely loyal with single devotion to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, by becoming pillars of our Party and fulfilling our heavy responsibilities before our revolution, cherishing the high honour and pride of being families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers.

Deeply regretting that we cannot share the seats with you at this significant meeting, we send you this letter imbued with the warm, kindred feeling of the entire families of revolutionary martyrs and of honoured disabled soldiers in the northern half of the Republic.

We are sisters of the same nation in whose veins flows the blood of the same ancestors and are comrades-in-arms who offered the husbands, sons and daughters to the revolution.

Now our warm hearts are full of the thought of you and all the sisters in the southern land who are suffering under the colonial, fascist rule of the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their stooges traitorous Pak Jung Hi clique.

For many centuries we the Korean people ardently longed to live in a land of freedom free from exploitation, oppression, humiliation and maltreatment.

This centuries-old aspiration of our people has been brilliantly realised today in the northern half of the Republic under the wise leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung.

An advanced, strong socialist power with a solid independent national economy, mighty national defence capacities for self-defence and brilliant national culture has sprung up today on this land, which was backward and poor in the past.

Modern factories, big and small, have mushroomed in rows everywhere relying on our own efforts, our own technique and our own resource. Thanks to the acceleration of irrigation, mechanisation, electrification and chemicalisation, our co-operativised countryside has turned into advanced and modern socialist rural communities which reap bumper crops every year and know no taxes.

With the enforcement of the universal nine-year compulsory technical education system in this land where the working people had wandered in ignorance and darkness in the past, our sons and daughters study to their hearts' content free of charge until the working age and all the people are leading a happy life without any worry about food, clothing and housing, enjoying free medical treatment and paid leave.

Today we women who were subjected to ill-treatment and humiliation in the past under

the two-fold, three-fold oppression, work with pride as full-fledged, socialist working people, receiving from the state special protection including maternity leave, and are ensured all conditions for working at ease, down to creche, kindergarten and children's hospital ward.

Indeed, today the entire people in the northern half of the Republic are bringing a new life into bloom, all working, studying and enjoying happiness alike under the socialist system good to live under, where there is no exploitation or oppression.

The epochal changes and the happy life of the people in the northern half of the Republic today are entirely the brilliant fruition of the wise leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, and his great idea of *Juche*, his revolutionary line of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence.

Marshal Kim Il Sung, born into a revolutionary family, has been leading our people only to victory and glory, taking upon himself the destiny of the fatherland and nation for over 40 years since his boyhood.

In the dark days when our people were groaning under colonial rule of Japanese imperialism, at a time when all the fellow-countrymen were thirstily waiting for a great leader who would put the destiny of the Korean revolution onto a right path, the Marshal kindled the torch of the restoration of the fatherland on the peak of Mt. Baekdu and organised and waged the 15-year-long anti-Japanese armed struggle, beating at last the Japanese imperialist robbers and throwing the brilliant rays of the liberation of the fatherland on this land.

After the liberation, the Marshal brightly illumined the road for the Korean revolution under a difficult and complex situation and made our people the proud masters of the power, land and factories, and led our people to victory by outstanding strategy and tactics in the period of the fierce Fatherland Liberation War against the U.S. imperialist aggressors.

After the war, on debris where not a brick could be found, the Marshal put forth an original line for socialist economic construction which no one had ever taken and turned our country into a mighty socialist power in a brief span of time, thus converting the northern half of the Republic into a powerful base and impregnable bastion of the Korean revolution.

Today, Marshal Kim Il Sung is enjoying deep trust and respect among the revolutionary people of the whole world for his outstanding leadership over the revolution and construction, his steadfast idea of *Juche* and fidelity to the revolutionary principles of Marxism-Leninism which he has invariably maintained from the 1930's and for his staunch anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. stand, and the international prestige of our Republic is rising immensely.

Thus, today our country is throwing radiant rays over the world as the "country of hero," "country of Chollima" and "country of *Juche*."

We families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers are working as pillars in the Party and government organs and all other political, economic and cultural domains under the paternal love and profound care of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the father, in the glorious and brilliant socialist fatherland.

So busy as he is with the state affairs, the Marshal never forgets us and he has visited our work sites and homes and showed meticulous care for the conditions of our work and livelihood, health and rest and education and training of our sons and daughters.

The Marshal has guided us to advance in the van of the revolutionary work and shows profound solicitude for the children to grow up as ardent revolutionaries, carrying forward the will of their parents.

How can we say that such solicitude of the Marshal is confined to us?

The Marshal always directs deep concern for you, not forgetting families of revolutionary martyrs who fell in struggle and the families of the revolutionaries now fighting in South Korea.

How can we fathom here all the great, paternal love of the Marshal, which we can hardly describe fully, even though we may use up thousands of, tens of thousands of writing brushes, the Marshal who can get no sleep, thinking of the workers who are driven out of the factory gates and the peasants going hungry without food in the southern land, when new factories rise up and song of bumper crop rings high over the co-operative fields here in the northern half of the Republic, the Marshal who set before us the South Korean revolution and the unification of the fatherland as the first revolutionary task and inspires us to actively assist you in your struggle?

Dear families of revolutionary martyrs and families of revolutionaries in South Korea!

If we all share this happiness, living together in the bosom of the Marshal in a unified fatherland, the 3,000-*ri* land of picturesque mountains and rivers what else we will hope!

The greater our joy and our pride, the deeper is our thought turned always to the southern land.

South Korea where terror, murder and poverty hold sway is today a "paradise" for those with money and power and a land of darkness like "hell" for the workers, peasants and other poor people.

In South Korea everything righteous and progressive is made the target of fascist suppression and not a single day passes without seeing the people shedding blood under the tyranny of bayonets and cudgels.

When the rich brutes and the parasites of the society who live on other's labour squander

a big amount of money for a night's pleasure at restaurants on the night streets, the poor people go without meals and die at the doorsteps of hospitals, having not a penny.

Vivid before our eyes are the pale faces of millions of unemployed overflowing the streets, women wandering about in mountains in search of grass roots and painful looks of children begging for spoonfuls of rice to fill their empty stomach before they arrive at the years of discretion.

How bitter are the sufferings especially you families of revolutionary martyrs and families of revolutionaries in South Korea are undergoing?

You deserve respect and protection for having offered your beloved husbands and sons and daughters for the country and the nation. But you are subjected to more harsh repression and maltreatment than anyone else and your dear children are even denied the opportunity of learning.

To whom on earth is it attributable that you and the entire South Korean people are subjected to such harsh exploitation and oppression as today?

They are none other than the U.S. imperialist aggressors occupying South Korea and playing the master as a colonial ruler and the Pak Jung Hi traitors selling off the country and the interests of the nation.

How many are the South Korean revolutionaries and patriots who perished on the gallows and how many are the people who died a bitter death with their rancour unwreaked under the tyranny of the U.S. imperialist wolves and their stooges?

We, in the name of this meeting, scathingly condemn with burning national indignation the towering crimes, unpardonable down through generations, of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges.

Where there are exploitation and oppression there is a revolutionary struggle of the people. This is a rule.

The South Korean people who keenly experienced the dire hardships under colonial rule of the U.S. imperialists have valiantly kept up a righteous patriotic struggle till today from the October Popular Resistance of 1946 through the April Popular Uprising which culminated in overthrowing the Syngman Rhee dictatorial regime.

It was your very dear husbands and sons and daughters who stood in the van of the anti-U.S., national-salvation struggle of the South Korean people against the U.S. imperialists and their stooges and you have also courageously fought helping them in the squares and streets of the bloody struggle.

Beautiful stories about the feats with which you adorned the road of the revolution are engraved for ever on our hearts.

You are the very mothers and wives who willingly sent your dear husbands and sons and daughters to join the ranks of the revolution and the patriots who fought with all sincerity, helping the People's Army during the past Fatherland Liberation War.

You are the very proud mothers who carried stones and boiled water to the young fighters in the days of the resistance struggle; you are the very women fighters who, defying the danger to yourselves and to your whole families, protected the revolutionaries and patriots from the enemy's suppression and helped them.

How can we forget the mother who sat her son and his comrades-in-arms before they turned out to the resistance struggle around a portrait of Marshal Kim Il Sung, which she had carefully kept for ten years, and earnestly told them to love the fatherland and fight against the enemy not succumbing to difficulties like the Marshal, and the woman who embroidered needle by needle the letters "Long live Marshal Kim Il Sung!" with burning fidelity before a candle late at nights despite the strict watch of the enemy and sent it to the Marshal? Their ardent feelings of reverence for the Marshal, indeed, reflect the unanimous feelings of you and all people in the southern land who desire to unify the fatherland as soon as possible and live happily under the leadership of the Marshal.

Today the South Korean people, defying the ferocious suppression by the enemy, are keeping up a stubborn struggle for the day when they will be embraced in the bosom of the Marshal and are developing their struggle even into an armed struggle.

We, in the name of the entire families of revolutionary martyrs and of honoured disabled soldiers in the northern half of the Republic, extend the warmest revolutionary salute to the entire families of South Korean revolutionary martyrs who are living and fighting with an unbending will against the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their stooges Pak Jung Hi puppet clique even at this very moment, the revolutionaries heroically fighting underground, in the mountains and behind bars and their families.

Dear families of revolutionary martyrs and families of revolutionaries in South Korea!

Owing to the occupation of South Korea by the U.S. imperialists, our fatherland has been suffering from the national split, divided for over 20 years.

How heart-rending it is that the split has been kept till a new generation has grown up!

You should continue the revolution and keep the flower of the revolution in bloom as long as the enemy remains in the southern land.

You who have traversed a rugged thorny path braving the harsh suppression by the enemy are the people who suffer more than anyone else in South Korea from absence of all rights and maltreatment. But you are the people with

the strongest sense of justice who hate the U.S. imperialist aggressors and their lackeys Pak Jung Hi traitors more than anyone else, the most intrepid people who will never be bent even though you may be broken and the people of highest principle who uphold constancy in any storm and stress.

That is why Marshal Kim Il Sung, the fatherly Leader, holds you so dear as the most precious people for our revolution.

The warm love of the Marshal for families of revolutionary martyrs and families of revolutionaries is the invariable benevolence which the Marshal has consistently directed far back from the period of the anti-Japanese armed struggle.

You should add lustre with struggle to the high honour of being families of revolutionary martyrs and families of revolutionaries, bearing deep in mind the profound love and trust of the Marshal.

The history of the past 20-odd years which have passed amid the sufferings of the national split clearly shows that the U.S. imperialists are the very sworn enemy, against whom you bear rancour to the marrow of your bones.

To wreak the deep-rooted rancour and vengeance, you all should more vigorously come out in the sacred anti-U.S., national-salvation struggle for sweeping away the U.S. imperialist aggressors.

The very one who should be severely tried and punished by the people in South Korea is the traitor Pak Jung Hi who, wearing a Japanese sword, slaughtered a large number of patriots in the past and is today, as a faithful dog of U.S. imperialism, hell-bent on treachery against the nation.

You should stand in the van of the struggle and overthrow the Pak Jung Hi military fascist clique, the hangmen suppressing and murdering the patriotic people of South Korea and a bunch of most reactionary military special agents and terrorists.

The U.S. imperialists and their lackeys are now kicking up a war racket more frantically than ever before with the incident of the armed spy ship "Pueblo" as an occasion.

With a powerful joint struggle you should thwart and frustrate at every step the new war provocation manoeuvres of the enemy to rekindle a flame in this land and resolutely fight against the forcible conscription into the puppet army and military extortion.

You should also more vigorously fight to smash the ever-intensified fascist suppression by the enemy and win democratic freedom and rights.

The South Korean women who are deprived of even the elementary human rights, to say nothing of freedom to participate in social and political life, should take an active part in the struggle against the U.S. imperialists and the traitorous Pak Jung Hi clique to achieve social emancipation and win the right to live.

We should unify the fatherland at the earliest date and build a paradise of socialism in the land of 3,000 *ri* in which all work, all learn and all live well under the leadership of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader.

All should fight to accomplish the cause of the independent unification of the fatherland, the supreme national aspiration.

In order to win victory in all these struggles, you should prepare powerful revolutionary forces.

Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, taught us as follows:

"The basic line of the revolution in South Korea at the present stage is to preserve the revolutionary forces from the enemy's suppression and, at the same time, constantly accumulate and expand them for the decisive period in the revolution."

What is most important in preparing the revolutionary forces is to build up the revolutionary organisation.

Revolutionaries and families of revolutionary martyrs in South Korea should actively participate in the revolutionary organisation and exert all their efforts to firmly safeguard it and constantly expand and strengthen it.

The most important cornerstone for us who are engaged in revolution is to firmly arm ourselves with the revolutionary ideas of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader.

You, together with the entire people of South Korea, should thoroughly arm yourselves only with the great revolutionary ideas of Marshal Kim Il Sung and vigorously fight on, rallied rock-firm around him.

At the same time, you should keep the flowers of revolution in bloom by learning from Mrs. Kang Ban Sok, the great mother of Korea who helped her husband in the revolutionary work, gave birth to and brought up the Marshal, an outstanding revolutionary, and fought with all devotion as an ardent revolutionary herself.

You should firmly uphold revolutionary constancy as mothers, wives and comrades of revolutionaries and do everything in your power to actively protect and help revolutionaries, while rallying more people in the revolutionary ranks by awakening ten persons with one and a hundred persons with ten.

Your dear sons and daughters are priceless successors to the revolutionary cause left unaccomplished by your husbands and sons and daughters.

You should bring up your sons and daughters into revolutionary fighters boundlessly faithful to Marshal Kim Il Sung and educate them to carry forward the revolution through generations to completion.

Families of revolutionary martyrs and fa-

milies of revolutionaries in South Korea! The road of revolution is arduous and rugged. But no barrier, no steep mountain can block the road ahead of your struggle as dark clouds cannot cover the sun.

There are for you Marshal Kim Il Sung, the peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious iron-willed genius-commander and one of the outstanding leaders of the international communist and working-class movements and the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, whom the world revolutionary people look up to with reverence, and the powerful revolutionary base of the northern half of the Republic standing imposingly, turned into an impregnable fortress under his wise leadership.

The entire people in the northern half of the Republic will energetically step up economic construction and defence upbuilding in parallel to actively support your struggle.

We Korean people possess powerful might capable of unifying the fatherland independently without any interference of outside forces.

You can smash any citadel of the enemy when you fight vigorously with firm confidence in victory, rallied rock-firm around Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader.

Let us fight more stubbornly for the day, when the 40 million Korean people will lead a happy life in the bosom of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the fatherly Leader, whom we all revere so ardently!

The Attendants of the National Meeting of the Families of Revolutionary Martyrs and Families of Honoured Disabled Soldiers

March 2, 1968

National Meeting of Families of Revolutionary Martyrs and Families of Honoured Disabled Soldiers Held in Presence of Respected and Beloved Leader Comrade KIM IL SUNG

A National Meeting of Families of Revolutionary Martyrs and Families of Honoured Disabled Soldiers was held in Pyongyang from March 1 to 2 in the presence of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people.

The meeting opened at a time when the whole country is seething with a great revolutionary upsurge for accelerating socialist construction and actively meeting the great event of the unification of the fatherland, upholding the decisions of the historic Conference of the Workers' Party of Korea and the great Ten-point Political Programme set forth by Comrade Kim Il Sung and the revolutionary struggle of all forms, the armed struggle included, waged by the South Korean people against the U.S. imperialists and their stooges is growing in scope and strength and, particularly, under a strained situation in which the U.S. imperialists, the sworn enemy, who are occupying South Korea and imposing immeasurable misfortunes and sufferings upon the people in the southern half and have been barring the unification of our fatherland already for more than 20 years, are of late further intensifying the manoeuvres for the provocation of a new war of aggression.

The meeting was attended by wives, mothers and daughters of anti-Japanese fighters who, under the leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, fought heroically with arms in their hands against the Japanese imperialist robbers in the dark days of Japanese imperialist colonial rule and fell before seeing final victory, wives, mothers and daughters of revolutionary fighters who laid down their lives while fighting courageously on the front and in the rear during the great Fatherland Liberation War, inheriting the glorious revolutionary traditions of the anti-Japanese armed struggle and wives of honoured disabled soldiers who are firmly standing, together with their husbands, at posts of the revolution as the hands and close helpers to their husbands who defended the fatherland and the people with their blood in the death-and-life fight against the U.S. imperialist wolves and today keep beautiful flowers of the revolution in bloom in different domains of socialist construction, engraving the teachings of the Leader on their mind.

On the background of the platform was hung respectfully a portrait of Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, peerless patriot, national hero, ever-victorious iron-willed genius-commander and one of outstanding leaders of the international communist and working-class movements, who leads our revolution steadfastly along the one road of victory.

The hearts of the entire attendants of the meeting, waiting for the arrival of Comrade Kim Il Sung in solemn silence, were beating high with the warm feelings of boundless reverence and trust and burning loyalty to the great and sagacious Leader and with the great honour and pride of being his revolutionary fighters.

The path of great victories over the past 40 years and more, which has been covered by the Korean revolution, all the free and happy life enjoyed by our people, the unbreakable might of our revolutionary ranks, the unification of the fatherland and the nation-wide victory of the Korean revolution and the bright future of socialism and communism are, indeed, totally unthinkable apart from the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung.

Our people always feel assured, do not waver in any heavy storm or stress but are always full of conviction of victory, because there is with us Comrade Kim Il Sung, peerless patriot and national hero, a gifted military strategist and ever-victorious iron-willed genius-commander, who beat the Japanese imperialist bandits and restored the lost fatherland by or-

ganizing and guiding the bloody anti-Japanese armed struggle for 15 years in the thick forests of Mt. Baekdu, holding high the torch of the restoration of the fatherland in the dark days of Japanese imperialist colonial rule when the destiny of the nation was at the crossroads of survival and ruin, he who, in the great Fatherland Liberation War, beat U.S. imperialism which boasted of being the "strongest" in the world, and defended with credit the freedom and independence of the fatherland and the gains of revolution and demonstrated to the world the all-conquering might of our people, by organising and mobilising our people and People's Army in the heroic fight.

It is thanks to the wise leadership of Comrade Kim Il Sung, an outstanding Marxist-Leninist and great Leader of the revolution, who is hewing an untrodden path and confidently leading the socialist revolution and socialist construction, having set forth the great idea of *Juche* and the revolutionary line of independence, self-sustenance and self-defence and it is because Comrade Kim Il Sung is standing at the head of our revolution, one of the outstanding leaders of the world revolutionary movement who is boundlessly revered and trusted by the revolutionary people the world over for his great contributions to the international communist and working-class movements and the anti-imperialist, national-liberation struggle that our country, once backward, has been turned in a short span of time into a powerful socialist industrial-agricultural state with a solid foundation of an independent national economy and self-defensive national defence potential and into a strong power with invincible self-defensive national defence capacity capable of striking back the enemy at one blow, if he ventures an attack, and that our country which once lost its luster on the world map is throwing the brilliant rays all over the world as a paragon of socialist construction and the banner of the anti-imperialist, anti-U.S. struggle.

At nine in the morning, the respected and beloved Leader of our people Comrade Kim Il Sung, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Workers' Party of Korea and Premier of the Cabinet of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, appeared on the platform.

That moment the entire attendants of the meeting rose to their feet and warmly welcomed the Leader, shouting at the top of their voice "Long live Comrade Kim Il Sung!" amid the loud cheers of "manse" (hurrah) and thunderous applause that shook the whole meeting hall, families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers presented reverentially to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, a basket of flowers.

Tears of infinite emotion glistened in the eyes of the attendants who, overwhelmed with glory and happiness, shouted "manse" (hurrah) again and again, looking up at Comrade Kim Il Sung, the Leader, who, living among the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers anytime and anywhere, shares joy with them in happy time and shares anxiety with them when some knotty problem arises before them and solves it and gives them strength and courage enough to move a mountain, the Leader who teaches and looks after them and brought them up as fighters who will steadfastly carry forward the revolution, with warm kindred feeling deeper than that of real parents, in place of their husbands, sons and daughters, fathers and mothers, the great fatherly Leader whom they had so revered and longed to see.

Comrades Choi Yong Kun, Pak Jong Ae, Li Guk Jin and Oh Jin Wu mounted the platform. The platform party also included leading functionaries of public organisations, families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers.

An opening address was made by Kim Song Ae, Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee of the Democratic Women's Union of Korea.

After referring to the environments of the meeting opening in the wake of the significant celebrations of the 20th anniversary of the founding of the glorious Korean People's Army, Vice-Chairman Kim Song Ae stressed that the meeting was the highest honour and greatest happiness for the entire families of revolutionary martyrs and of honoured disabled soldiers. In the name of the attendants of the meeting, she extended warm gratitude to the Central Committee of our Party and Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader, who always looks after with deep care the families of our revolutionary martyrs and honoured disabled soldiers, as a father does his children, and again today vouchsafes this glory and this joy to them by arranging such grand meeting.

At the proposal of Vice-Chairman Kim Song Ae, the meeting observed a moment's silence with reverence in memory of the revolutionary forerunners and hero fighters of the People's Army who dedicated their precious lives and beautiful youth to the freedom and liberation of our people, the independence of the fatherland and defence of the gains of revolution, extending the highest glory to them.

Vice-Chairman Kim Song Ae noted that now all the working people of our country are warmly hailing this meeting and wish it success and declared the meeting open, expressing the conviction that it would mark an important historical milestone in rallying the families of our revolutionary martyrs and honoured disabled soldiers and our entire women rock-firm around the Party and the Leader by firmly arming them with the unitary ideological system of the Party and revolutionizing and *work-*

ing-classizing them more thoroughly.

After the opening address the presidium of the meeting was elected.

The entire attendants rose to their feet and recommended as a member of the presidium with stormy shouts of "manse" (hurrah) and resounding, thunderous applause Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, who is confidently leading the families of our revolutionary martyrs and honoured disabled soldiers and all of our people to victory and glory, happiness and prosperity.

The presidium consisted of 77 members.

The 5-member secretariat was also elected.

Kim Ok Sun, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Democratic Women's Union of Korea, delivered at the meeting a report entitled "Let us families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers become revolutionary fighters infinitely faithful to the Party and the Leader!"

When the report was over, a Young Pioneer congratulatory group entered the meeting hall.

With a portrait of Marshal Kim Il Sung and a portrait of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok, mother of Korea, who gave birth to and brought up Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, and an indomitable revolutionary fighter herself, in the van, the congratulatory group entered the meeting hall loudly singing the "Song of General Kim Il Sung" and carrying slogans reading: "Let us become revolutionary soldiers infinitely faithful to Marshal Kim Il Sung," "Let us learn from Mrs. Kang Ban Sok" and "Warm congratulations to the National Meeting of Families of Revolutionary Martyrs and Families of Honoured Disabled Soldiers" and presented a basket of flowers with the best wishes of the Korean Young Pioneers to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the fatherly Leader, amid the playing of the welcome music and prolonged, resounding shouts of "manse!"

They read out a message warmly congratulating the National Meeting of Families of Revolutionary Martyrs and Families of Honoured Disabled Soldiers.

At the meeting, Li Jong Ok, director of a factory, Li Gyong Hi, doctor of the Kapsan County People's Hospital, Ryanggang Province, and many other families of revolutionary martyrs and of honoured disabled soldiers took the floor.

All the speakers paid the highest tribute of honour and thanks to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, who has led them to take the glorious path of revolution by inheriting the revolutionary cause carried on by their husbands, sons, daughters, fathers and mothers who were faithful soldiers of the Leader, and directs profound concern to them to relieve them from all worries in their work and life.

Referring to their glorious, worthwhile work and life of today when they are enjoying a happy life in the bosom of the respected and beloved Leader and are waging a vigorous struggle for the revolution, they all expressed a firm resolve to follow the example of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok, the great mother of Korea, in order to become good wives and mothers of revolutionaries; to become revolutionaries themselves; to be loyal with a single devotion to Comrade Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the Korean revolution; to set an example to the masses in the struggle for the thorough implementation of the revolutionary line of the Party on carrying on socialist construction and defence upbuilding in parallel; to drive U.S. imperialism out of South Korea and liberate the South Korean people; to unify the fatherland and win a nation-wide victory for the Korean revolution.

Evincing their burning indignation at the U.S. imperialists, the inveterate enemy, who deprived them of their dear husbands, sons and daughters, fathers and mothers and the sworn enemy of our people who has been occupying South Korea and barring the way of the unification of our fatherland for over 20 years, and their stooges the Pak Jung Hi traitors, the speakers extended warm militant support and encouragement to the South Korean revolutionaries and patriots in their revolutionary struggle for sweeping away the colonial rule of the U.S. imperialists and their stooges, and declared that they would wipe out the enemy to the last man and give death of hundred-fold, thousand-fold revenge to the enemy by fighting to the end shoulder to shoulder with the heroic People's Army, if the U.S. imperialists ignite another war of aggression.

The meeting unanimously adopted a message addressed to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the respected and beloved Leader of the 40 million Korean people, amid the fervent cheers and thunderous applause of the entire attendants.

The meeting also adopted with unanimous approval and support of the entire attendants a letter addressed to the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of revolutionaries in South Korea.

Then Comrade Kim Ok Sun, Chairman of the Central Committee of the Democratic Women's Union of Korea, made a closing address.

Saying that the National Meeting of Families of Revolutionary Martyrs and Families of Honoured Disabled Soldiers held amid the warm congratulations and concern of the entire people successfully wound up its work in the presence and under the personal guidance of Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader of the 40 million Korean people, the speaker stressed: It is the manifestation of the deep trust of the

Central Committee of our Party and the respected and beloved Leader not only in the attendants of the meeting but also in the entire families of revolutionary martyrs and of honoured disabled soldiers of our country and boundless encouragement to them that the fatherly Leader who always looks after them with profound care as his real sons and daughters arranged such a grand meeting and attended the meeting in person and guided it. Our families of revolutionary martyrs and honoured disabled soldiers regard it as their infinite glory and boundless happiness and joy, the speaker said.

Noting that the attendants of the meeting exchanged valuable experiences of the families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers in staunchly defending their revolutionary principle in the fierce class struggle for revolution and construction under the wise leadership of the Party and the Leader and had sincere discussions on the tasks for continuing and carrying to accomplishment the revolutionary cause left unfinished by their parents, husbands and sons and daughters and on keeping the flowers of the revolution in bloom, the speaker said that the whole course of the meeting showed the infinite loyalty of the entire families of revolutionary martyrs and families of honoured disabled soldiers to Marshal Kim Il Sung, the great Leader and father of our people, and demonstrated their firm determination to remain faithful with single mind to the Leader in any difficulty and trials and defend him with their lives and fight on faithfully along the one road of struggle indicated by the Leader.

The entire attendants of the meeting confirmed the determination to arm themselves more firmly with the unitary ideology of our Party, deeply study and grasp the glorious revolutionary traditions of the anti-Japanese armed struggle and the lofty revolutionary spirit and exploits in the struggle of Mrs. Kang Ban Sok, the great mother of Korea, and thus constantly revolutionise themselves as well as their sons and daughters, families, work places and villages and become the vanguard of the masses at all posts of socialist construction and the defence of the fatherland, upholding the decisions of the historic Conference of the Workers' Party of Korea and the great Ten-point Political Programme put forth by Comrade Kim Il Sung, and single-heartedly continuously wage a resolute struggle for the final victory of our revolution guided by the Leader, succeeding to the will of their sons and daughters, husbands, fathers and mothers.

The meeting closed with the chorus of the "Song of General Kim Il Sung" with the feelings of utmost reverence for, trust in and burning fidelity to the respected and beloved Leader.

Comrade Kim Il Sung posed for a photograph together with the entire attendants of the meeting.